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NPIC/PEG (02/82)ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT
TUWWAL PORT FACILITY. SAUDI ARABIA

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE INITIAL PHASE OF A MAJOR ARMS DELIVERY, PROBABLY FOR TRANSSHIPMENT TO IRAQ, IS IN PROGRESS.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: AT LEAST SEVEN HEAVY LIFT TRANSPORTERS, 50 FLATBED SEMITRAILERS, AND 35 CARGO TRUCKS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE NORTH END OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA. PROBABLY IN PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE SHIPMENT. AT LEAST 40 OF THESE VEHICLES ARE QUEUED FOR LOADING. APPROXIMATELY 20 PIECES OF UNIDENTIFIED ARTILLERY, NEWLY ARRIVED ARE BEING PLACED ONTO THE VEHICLES, AND AT LEAST THREE ADDITIONAL TRAILERS, NEXT TO THE MERCHANT SHIPS, ARE LOADED WITH UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT. THE VESSEL OR VESSELS INVOLVED IN THE ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED. MERCHANT SHIPS IN PORT INCLUDE ONE BULGARIAN GEROI PANFILOVTSY-CLASS, ONE ROMANIAN PYAT. KOMSOMOLA-CLASS, TWO IRAQI ALKINDI-CLASS, ONE CHINESE CHIFENGKOU-CLASS RO/RO, ONE POSSIBLE PRC SD-14-CLASS, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED MERSHIP.

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THE DIRECT LOADING OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE MERCHANT SHIP ONTO THIS UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF TRANSPORT VEHICLES APPEARS TO BE A DEPARTURE FROM THE NORMAL PRACTICE OF FIRST OFFLOADING THE SHIP'S ENTIRE CARGO AND THEN LATER PLACING IT ONTO TRANSPORTERS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THIS DELIVERY HAS A HIGH PRIORITY.

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